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SUBJECT: MEXICO: U.S. DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT MEXICO'S
HRC VOTE FOR IRAN

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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points to Julian Juarez, Assistant Director General for Security and Judicial Affairs at the Foreign Relations Secretariat's (SRE) Office of United Nations Affairs. Juarez reiterated the SRE's earlier statement that Mexico would not negotiate votes on Human Rights Council (HRC) candidacies. He explained, however, that Mexico had invested too much time and effort in helping create the HRC and agreed that Iran's participation would undermine its credibility. To that effect, Juarez stated that the U.S. does not need to worry about Mexico supporting Iran's candidacy. When asked if Mexico would seek to convince others to do the same, Juarez stated that only Foreign Secretary Luis Derbez could make that decision and that he was unaware of any decision to do so. We will report any further developments as they arise.

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